

Version of Specification with Markings to Show Changes Made

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The present application claims the benefit of provisional application U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/101,825, filed September 25, 1998, and U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/101,693, filed September 25, 1998, the contents of which is are incorporated by reference herein.

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Table 1. Selected TV-markers amino acid sequences

TV##	SEQ ID NO	Sequence
TV-35	1	AKKYAKKEKAACKKAYKKEAKAKAAEAAAKEYAAYEA
TV-45	2	AKKYAKKAKAEKAKKAYKAAEAKKAKEYEKAEEAKAAKE-AAYEA
TV-56	3	AKKYAKKEKAYAKKAECKAACKKAEAKAYKAAEAKKKAEAKY-KAEAAKAAKEAAYEA
TV-66	4	AKKYAKKEKAYAKKAKAEAKKAKEYAKAEEAKKYAKAAKAEK-KEYAAAKEYKAEAAKAAKEAAYEA
TV-77	5	AKKYAKKEKAYAKKAECKAACKKAEAKAYKAAEAKKKAKAEE-KKYAKKAECKEYAAAKEYKAEAAKAAKEAAYEA
TV-86	6	AKKYAKKEKAYAKKAECKAACKKAEAKAYKAAEAKKKAKAEE-KKYAKKAECKEYAAAKEYKAEAAKAKAECKEYAEEAKAAK-EAAYEA
TV-109	7	AKKYAKKAECKAYAKKAKAAKEKKAYAKKEAKAYKAAEAKK-KAKAEAKKYAKEAAKAKKEAKYKAEAKKYAKAAKAECKEYA-AEAKKAECKEYAEEAKAAKEAAYEA

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The present invention provides molecular weight markers for accurate determination of the molecular weight of glatiramer acetate and other copolymers. The present invention further provides a plurality of molecular weight markers for determining the molecular weight of glatiramer acetate and other copolymers which display linear relationships between molar ellipticity and molecular weight, and between retention time and the log of the molecular weight.

The molecular weight markers also optimally demonstrate biological activity similar to glatiramer acetate or corresponding or corresponding copolymers and can be used for treating or preventing various immune diseases. In addition, the subject invention provides pharmaceutical compositions for the treatment of immune diseases comprising a polypeptide having an identified molecular weight and an amino acid composition corresponding to glatiramer acetate or a terpolymer.